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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-5 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tognazzini (U.S. Patent No. 5,894,119).

4. As per claim 1, Tognazzini teaches an electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from among a plurality of electronic contents by using a user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the electronic contents are recorded (**column 1, lines 39-49, column 4, line 64 – column 5, line 14, and Figure 4**); and

supporting the downloading of the retrieved electronic content to a recording medium by inputting the identification code to said information terminal, without performing, in said store, a

process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the electronic contents (**column 1, lines 39-49**).

5. As per claim 2, Tognazzini teaches an electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

downloading, to a portable recording medium, an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from among a plurality of electronic contents by using a user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the electronic contents are recorded (**column 1, lines 39-49, column 4, line 64 – column 5, line 14, and Figure 4; scanner scan bar code**); and

supporting the downloading of the retrieved electronic content to the recording medium by supplying the identification code from the recording medium to said information terminal, without performing, in said store, a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the electronic contents (**column 1, lines 39-49**).

6. As per claim 3, Tognazzini teaches an electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a content from a plurality of electronic contents by using a user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the electronic contents are recorded (**column 1, lines 43-49**), and

downloading an identification code for identifying the retrieved electronic content
(column 1, lines 32-49);

verifying the retrieved electronic content by inputting the downloaded identification code to said information terminal, without performing, in said store, a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the electronic contents (column 1, lines 32-49); and

downloading the retrieved electronic content to a recording medium loaded into said information terminal (column 1, lines 46-49).

7. As per claim 4, Tognazzini teaches an electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a store terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from a plurality of electronic contents by using a user terminal to access via a network a server in which the electronic contents are recorded (column 1, lines 39-49, column 4, line 64 – column 5, line 14, and Figure 4);

inputting the identification code to said store terminal, without using said store terminal to perform a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the electronic contents (column 1, lines 38 – 42); and

supporting the purchase of the electronic content corresponding to the identification code (column 1, lines 12 – 30 and column 1, lines 53-58).

8. As per claim 5, Tognazzini teaches an electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a store terminal which is installed in a store and which is linked via broadband link to a server in which a plurality of electronic contents are recorded, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from the electronic contents by using a user terminal linked via a narrowband link to said server **(column 1, lines 39-49, column 4, line 64 – column 5, line 14, and Figure 4)**; and

supporting the purchase of the electronic content corresponding to the identification code by inputting the identification code to said store terminal, without using said store terminal to perform a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the electronic contents **(column 1, lines 12 – 30 and column 1, lines 32 - 58)**.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Treyz et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,835); Shopping Assistance with Handheld Computing Device
- b. Bernard et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,918,213); System for Automated Remote Previewing and Purchasing of Music, Video, Software, and Other Multimedia Products
- c. Miller et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,925,843) ; Song Identification and Synchronization

d. Rautilla (U.S. Patent No. 6,714,797); System for the Transfer of Digital Data to a Mobile Device

e. Boesjes (U. S. Patent No. 6,799,165); Apparatus for Inventory, Sale, and Delivery of Digitally Transferable Goods.

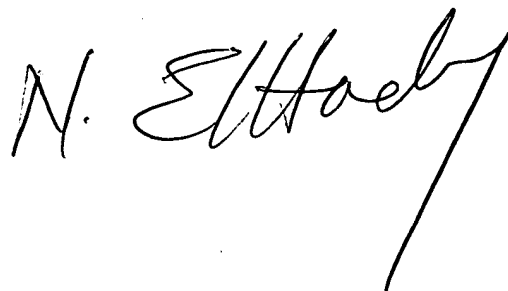
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramsey M Refai whose telephone number is (571) 272-3975. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. El-Hachy", with a long diagonal stroke extending from the bottom right of the signature.